

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 7, 2005. Applicants request entry and consideration of the substitute claims and the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

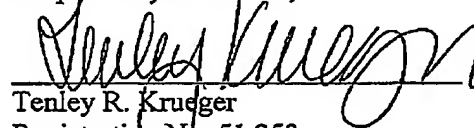
Claim 53 stands rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claim 53, thereby obviating the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 43-44, 48, 52-53, 56, 64 and 66-71 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,245,857 (*Shamshoum*). Applicants have amended claims 43 and 71 to clarify the previously submitted claims. *Shamshoum* does not teach, show or suggest the features of the amended claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 45-47, 49-51, 54-55, 57-63 and 65 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Shamshoum*.

As discussed above, *Shamshoum* does not teach, show or suggest the features of the pending claims. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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